

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion of the motion offered by Senator Rogers. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I just want to enforce what Senator Rogers has told us. The legislation, as you know, was brought actually by the pork producers. The pork producers association are the ones that had the input and most of the legwork and footwork on the bill. The Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association was there to help as was the livestock industry. So this is a piece of legislation that will help agriculture a great deal in this state. It is necessary for the eradication of a disease that is very costly to this state, and the total bill is really not all that great, but I think that it would be a very good indication of your willingness to support the agricultural effort in this great agricultural state, and I certainly wish that you would support this override. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Rogers, would you like to close?

SENATOR ROGERS: Could I ask for a call of the house while I am closing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is technically under call. Would members return to your seats and check in, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: I would like to have you notice one thing, if any of you have the Governor's veto message. She mentioned there this would be in addition to \$710,000 in General Fund which presently goes towards pseudorabies control and testing. We have tried all day. We cannot find that much goes into the testing now. The only answer to that could be the brucellosis program in this state is winding down and they had told us a year ago that some of that money that was originally for brucellosis could be transferred to the pseudorabies program. The Governor also mentioned that she thought pork producers should help fund that in her veto message. I agree with her 100 percent, but I would like to get the program started this year. We have been trying to do something like this for probably three years, and I would like so we could get started this year, and like I said, I will come back next year and I will do everything I can to get the producers help fund part of